


# Realpolitik Overrules Religion

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In the past couple days, I have seen a number of arguments brought up about Ukraine effectively banning the Russian Orthodox Church during the ongoing war. Generally, this is brought up by center-Right types that still buy into the “Trad Russia” myth. Otherwise, it’s also brought up by Orthobros as an attack on their faith. The honesty of this is varied, Russophiles often have a love for the Russian Orthodox Church (ROC) but not because of actual religious beliefs, instead because it’s Russian. Sometimes actual Orthobros also have a bias towards Russia, purely because it’s the principal Orthodox country, but this is rare.

Regardless, those on the Right who have an issue with Ukraine for some reason or another aren’t happy about this. Some especially retarded types have tried to sensationalize the topic by claiming that Zelensky completely outlawed Orthodoxy or even Christianity, which is funny. It’s also completely untrue. Fair warning, I am not Orthodox or even Christian, and thus have no idea how “legal” the actions of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church (UOC) & government are under Orthodox rites.

For the actual story, the UOC officially cut ties with the ROC a few months after the initial invasion in 2022, claiming total autonomy from the Moscow Patriarch. The reasons being that the ROC is openly supportive of the invasion & is deeply tied to the Russian government itself. The SBU (Ukie intelligence agency) has repeatedly raided ROC churches because they became hubs of pro-Russian activities within unoccupied Ukraine. They effectively have a similar role in Ukraine that Catholic churches would have had in the event of Soviet invasion during the Cold War, as rubs for stay behind forces & outlets of anti-communist propaganda.

For the record, the UOC has remained basically the same since 2022. They have the same personnel, religious beliefs, & rituals. It’s the same as every other Slavic Ortho church. In the years since the split, the ROC has continued to support the invasion to the point of referring to it as a “Holy War.” It should also be stated that the original ROC was mostly annihilated during the early years of the Soviet Union, and its current form was created on orders of Joseph Stalin during WWII. The ROC has been criticized among other Christian groups for being a department of the Soviet & later Russian government ever since. This is an issue for Christians to debate, I won’t speak of the “legitimacy” of the ROC, but its ties to the Russian government are important to note.

What I will say is that religious authority, of any type, is inherently political. Beyond that, it is virtually always against us. There are plenty of times where the local religious community simply got caught in the crossfire, but more often than not they are taking a side in word or deed. For a recent example, the War on Terror. One of the key reasons that the Coalition failed to pacify the Taliban insurgency in Afghanistan was that they refused to actively engage local imams. Other than the occasional key leader engagement, they did nothing to stop the religious leaders who were the drivers of an inherently religious war. The situation was quite different in Iraq, a more religiously diverse country, where pro-insurgent imams were regularly arrested or killed by both US & Iraqi forces. Something that gets glossed over in regards to Iraq is that the Coalition succeeded by allying itself to the Shia community, while the Sunnis were far more likely to be allied to Islamist & Baathist insurgents. The Coalition was able to get away with this by calling on allied imams to condemn the targets as “not real Muslims.” Thus, they killed fundamentalist freaks instead of waging war on a sizable religious group, on paper anyway.

Another example is Dylan Roof. For those unaware, Roof was a mass shooter who killed a bunch of negroids at church. He sparked the Confederate Flag controversy back in the day, as he flew on at home. He is currently on death row. His choice of target wasn’t necessarily religious, I don’t believe he was a Christian but he certainly had no anti-Christian motives. His target was a Black church that had been a hub of anti-White scheming since the MLK era. Most of the victims were anti-racist activists of some flavor. When it comes down to it, to a violent stage of civil unrest, these are absolutely going to be necessary targets to either neutralize or destroy. It doesn’t matter what religion they follow, if they stand against you they are an enemy.

What a lot of RWers miss, especially the Christian variety, is that the vast majority of religious authorities are against them. Whether they’re a random NonDom or an ordained SSPX priest. Catholics like to bring up the persecution of Catholics during the Spanish & Mexican civil wars, often speaking of the brutality Leftists against the clergy. This is fair, it was almost comically sadistic & disproves any notion of Leftists being more “empathetic” or whatever. Regardless, what they leave out is that the Catholic Church was fundamentally aligned to the Nationalists in Spain & Government in Mexico. Thus, beyond any anti-Catholic sentiment, these were proper targets in an ideological conflict. It was necessary that they be destroyed, just as much as any other enemy influence.

Religion is downstream from ideology in the modern, secular West. Your political position will determine your religious beliefs more than vise versa, in the average person anyway. This is why so many churches have pride flags in June, and why Evangelicals excuse the behavior of Trump that can be considered unbecoming of a Christian. Ultimately, a building with a cross is no different than a building with a swastika or an ADL logo. The idea that religious authorities are a no-go is an invention of the laws of war, and specific to an actual war between two countries. It’s part of the attempt to keep a war between two military forces instead of involving the civilian population & culture. This doesn’t apply to ideological crusades or civil conflict, where noncombatants are the most important & numerous targets.

Finally, be ready to kill those within your own faith. This is easy coming from someone who doesn’t follow organized religion, but Christians need to realize that they’re a small minority of their own religion. Even inherently Christian issues, like abortion, don’t unify Christians. You can imagine that the bulk of social issues that encompass the RW to some degree will be similarly divided. As more of the RW, following the West in general, leaves Christianity you can expect the ideological differences to accentuate as a shared faith means less & becomes less common. The Catholic Church, despite the events of Spain & Mexico, was decidedly supportive of the Leftist activists in South America during the Cold War. They supported communists & other socialist movements, and used their influence to subvert RW governments or rebellion movements. Clergymen like Enrique Angelelli did this to the point they had to be assassinated. These South American clergymen probably weren’t the mainstream of the Catholic Church at the time, but they are now. Given the current attitudes of the church (especially Pope Francis) towards various political factions, it’s more than likely that they occupy a similar position in the future.

This article isn’t an outright attack on Christianity, or any other religious belief, but simply a reminder that practical concerns will always prevail over religious beliefs. Just like Buddhists supporting violent actions in the name of Buddhist nationalism, where they are an oppressed minority, despite their generally pacifist beliefs. As well, just like Ukraine banning a religious organization that is hostile to their nation during a time of war. We’ve made great progress in getting people to realize that some elements of the RW are, in fact, anything but. We should continue to make the friend-foe distinction clearer going forward.

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